

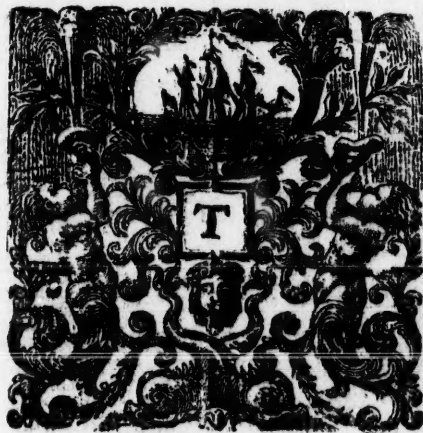


His Majesty

DECLARATION

Of WAR against the

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THE unwarrantable Proceedings of the *French* in the *West Indies*, and Usurpations and Encroachments made by them upon Our Territory, Province of *Nova Scotia*, have been so notorious, and so frequent, that the Wisdom and Resolution in that Court, to pursue invariably such Measures in regard to the most solemn Treaties and Engagements. We have not only made Representations to the *French* King, upon these repeated Acts of Injuries done to Our Subjects, and to prevent the like Causes of War, that every thing should be settled agreeable to the Treaties subsisting between Us, but that Four Neutral Islands in the *West Indies*, should be effected (which has been the Assurance, and of the Treaties on which they were founded, has been the *French* Governors, and of the Officers acting under their Authority, that seven hundred and fifty four, they broke out in open Acts of Hostility, without any previous Notice given, or Application made, a Body of Men, by the King's Commission, attacked in a hostile Manner, and possessed of the Islands.

But notwithstanding this Act of Hostility, which could not but be a Breach of Peace, and in Hopes the Court of *France* would disavow this

to *America*, as was indispensably necessary for the immediate Defence and Protection of Our Subjects.

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ous, and so frequent, that they cannot but be looked upon as a sufficient Evidence of a formed Design
variably such Measures, as should most effectually promote their ambitious Views, without any Re-
gements. We have not been wanting on Our Part, to make, from time to time, the most serious
these repeated Acts of Violence, and to endeavour to obtain Redress and Satisfaction for the In-
at the like Causes of Complaint for the future: But though frequent Assurances have been given,
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ould be effected (which was expressly promised to Our Ambassador in *France*) the Execution of these
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In these Circumstances We could not but think it incumbent upon Us, to endeavour to prevent the Landing of *French* Troops in *America*; and, in Consequence of the just and necessary Measures We had taken in this Court; the Fortifications at *Dunkirk*, which had been repairing for some Time, were enlarged; and the Coast threatened with an Invasion.

In order to prevent the Execution of these Designs, and to provide for the Security of Our Kingdom, for the seizing at Sea the Ships of the *French* King, and his Subjects. Notwithstanding which, as We have effected, We have contented Ourselves hitherto with detaining the said Ships, and preserving them, and the Confiscation of them; but it being now evident, by the hostile Invasion actually made by the *French* Court to hearken to no Terms of Peace, but to carry on the War, which has been long begun, and with what We owe to Our own Honour, and to the Welfare of Our Subjects, within those Bounds

We have therefore thought proper to declare War; and We do hereby Declare War against the Almighty God, in Our just Undertaking, and being assured of the hearty Concurrence and Assistance of Our People, and requiring Our Captain General of Our Forces, Our Commissioners for executing the Office of Justices, Governors of Our Forts and Garrisons, and all other Officers and Soldiers under them, by and with the Assistance of this War against the *French* King, his Vassals and Subjects, and to oppose their Attempts: We do henceforth strictly forbid to hold any Correspondence or Communication with the said *French* King, or to advertise all other Persons, of what Nation soever, not to transport or carry any Soldiers, Arms, Ammunition, or any other Contraband Goods, to any of the Territories, Lands, Plantations, or Colonies, as good and lawful Prize.

And whereas there are remaining in Our Kingdom divers of the Subjects of the *French* King, who shall demean themselves dutifully towards Us, shall be safe in their Persons and Effects.

Given at Our Court at *Kensington*, the Seventeenth

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endeavour to prevent the Success of so dangerous a Design, and to oppose the Landing of the
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me, were enlarged; great Bodies of Troops marched down to the Coast; and Our Kingdoms were

Security of Our Kingdoms, which were thus threatened, We could no longer forbear giving Orders
withstanding which, as We were still unwilling to give up all Hopes that an Accommodation might be
and preserving them, and (as far as was possible) their Cargoes intire, without proceeding to the
ally made by the *French* King of Our Island of *Minorca*, that it is the determined Resolution of that
as been long begun on their Part, with the utmost Violence, We can no longer remain, consistently
cts, within those Bounds, which, from a Desire of Peace, We had hitherto observed.

by Declare War against the *French* King, who hath so unjustly begun it, relying on the Help of
ty Concurrence and Assistance of Our Subjects, in support of so good a Cause; hereby willing
executing the Office of Our High Admiral of *Great Britain*, Our Lieutenants of Our several Coun-
ldiers under them, by Sea and Land, to do and execute all Acts of Hostility, in the Prosecution
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of the *French* King, We do hereby declare Our Royal Intention to be, That all the *French* Subjects
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on, the Seventeenth Day of *May*, 1756, in the Twenty ninth Year of Our Reign.

save the King.

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most Excellent Majesty; and by the Assigns of *Robert Baskett*. 1756.